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1. The following streetcar lines pass through the following streets:

Streetcar No. 1: Asneft - Red (Nailov Rayon) and return.

Streetcar No. 2: Sovetskaya - Shamakhinskaya - Bazarnaya and return.

Streetcar No. 3: Khagani - Pushkin - Lenin Prospekt - Basina - Bazarnaya and return.

Streetcar No. 4: Khagani - Pushkin - oil area and back (28 April).

Streetcar No. 5: Roundhouse - Lenin Prospekt - Ermanikent - Semashko Hospital and back.

Streetcar No. 7: Roundhouse - Lenin Prospekt - Basina - Bazarnaya and return.

Streetcar No. 8: Roundhouse - Lenin Prospekt - First Sverdneveskaya as far as Montana, and return.

Streetcar No. 9: Khagani - Pushkin - Lenin Prospekt - Ermanikent - Semashko Hospital and return.

Streetcar No. 11: Roundhouse - Lenin Prospekt - Basina - Shamakhinskaya - Sovetskaya and return.

Streetcar No. 12: Roundhouse - Lenin Prospekt - Ermanikent - Krasnoarmeyskaya (illegible Volodarebovo) - Shamakhinskaya - Bazarnaya.

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Streetcar No. 13: Khagina - Pushkin - oil area (28 April) and return.

Streetcar No. 14: Roundhouse - Lenin Prospekt - First Sverdlovskaya in the direction of Montana, and return.

2. Trolley bus lines:

No. 1: Asneft - Stalina - Petrov Square - Shaumiana - Shmidt - Nizami - and return.

No. 2: Asneft - Chkalova - Kommunisticheskaya Boulevard - Stalina - Petrov Square - Shaumiana - Shmidt - Nizami - Lenina (28 April) - Nizami and back.

No. 3: Asneft - Stalina - Petrov Square - Shaumiana, Shmidt - Nizami - Lenina (28 Apr.) - Nizami - Shmidt - Shmidt - Shaumiana - Stalina - Boulevard - Nizami Museum-Komay Nistichiskoy - Chkalova - Asneft.

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- No. 4: Kirov Park - Lermontova (near MID) - Kommunistichiskaya - Krasnoy Lermontov Park and back.
- No. 5: Runs only during the summer. Kirov Park - Lermontova - Kommunistichiskaya Chkalova - Azneft - Stalina - Petrov Square - Shaumiana - Kirova - First Parallel (toward First Sverdlovok) - Krasnoarmeiskaya and back.
- No. 6: Krasnoarmeiskaya - First Parallel - Kirova - Nizami - Lenina (28 Apr) - Nizami and back.
- No. 7: Azneft - Chkalova - Kommunistichiskaya - Boulevard - Stalina - Petrov Square - Shaumiana - Kirova - First Parallel - Krasnoarmeiskaya and back.

3. Taxi Stands:

- (1) Youth Square
- (2) Corner of Basina & Shumilinskoy
- (3) Near the El/vox Station
- (4) Near the RR Transport Station

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BAKU PASSENGER RAILROAD STATION

I. Location of the Baku RR Station:

The passenger station in Baku is situated among the following landmarks:

1. The square between the station el/voz (electric locomotive) building and the Az.I.I.

2. The militia division railroad transport building.

3. The Baktek place.

4. The 2nd (freight) Baku place.

5. El/voz railroad track

6. Warehouse

7. Railroad transport hospital called "36 Commissars."

The passenger station has two floors:

On the first floor, near the pavement, are two waiting rooms with snack bars, newspaper and book stands, an information bureau, etc.

On the second floor, on the left, is the station director's office, a large restaurant, a waiting room with a snack bar and news stand, etc., in the center, and on the right is a room for the newly arrived, and a special hall for military personnel.

The military hall contains:

1. Ticket offices for: officers, soldiers, women and children, a security office, snack bar-restaurant, stand with merchandise, etc.

On the left near the entrance is a city information bureau and a staircase leading to the platform.

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II. Station Entrances and Exits:

The following entrances exist:

1. On the west side near the ticket office
2. On the south through the upper waiting room
3. On the east near the ^{suspension} ~~expansion~~ bridge and the military waiting room, etc.

Depending upon the arrival or departure of the train, in addition to the aforementioned entrances, one can exit via the staircase on the west side of the station building and the RR restaurant storehouse.

The following stairways are available for leaving and arriving on the platform:

1. Two parallel stone stairways on the west side of the station near the ticket office. Only soldiers, military, prisoners, etc., may use one of these stairways. The other one, under the station check room, may be used by anyone.

2. One on the left side of the station.

3. One on the right of the station.

The following are located in the station:

1. A freight-postal depot on the southwest corner. Strangers are not admitted.
2. A ticket office with two rooms and several ticket venders in the northwest corner.
3. Baggage rooms -- in the southeast section of the station building.
4. Locomotive depot of the Baku section of the ZKV railroad is on the east.

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III. The following are located in the front and the rear of the station building:

1. A division of the RR transport militia is situated southwest of the station building. It is a two-story building partially surrounded by a garden fence.
2. RR Transport Hospital, called "20 Commissars." Located southeast of the station building. It covers a large area and consists of several 2 - 3-story buildings, etc., experienced personnel, doctors, etc. Any illness can be cured there and it is open to everyone. Cleanliness reigns there.
3. Medical Center. A one-story building located outside the hospital territory. First Aid is administered there to everyone. It has a public bath, etc.
4. Next to the medical center is a security office.
5. Farther on is a baggage office, and a little beyond it are various depots.
6. Near the medical center are iron gates which open into the hospital territory. Beyond the security building, there is a chemical laboratory (first floor).
7. The Baku Electric Power Company office is on the second floor.
8. Next to that is a tall building--the State RR Archives which is sealed and always closed. Opposite is a
9. two-story building with a basement. On the second floor are offices of the RR public prosecutor and a judge which are called "The Peoples' Court."
10. There is a military RR guard on the first floor of the building.
11. On the first floor of the rear side of the building is the fire

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department of the RR transport.

IV. Description of the Baku Passenger Station:

The station has a partially enclosed platform with booths selling food, newspapers, and with hot and cold water faucets, etc. Six passenger trains can stand ^{at the station} simultaneously as far as the ^{desired} ~~required~~ near the mail depot and the station ticket offices. Two or three suburban trains can also be found there toward the eastern part of the station. The platforms between the RR tracks are asphalted. There is a dense network of railroad ~~lines~~ ^{tracks} between the Baku Passenger and Second Freight stations.

Passenger cars are usually standing at the southern section of the transit depot for sorting out, preparation for departure, or cleaning. Toward the east, next to the RR station platform, is a one-story kamerapastelo khranilishcha of the passenger division, behind which is a new building under construction which was started in 1954.

There is an aerial bridge (vosdushnyy most) in the vicinity of the station which connects the area in front of the station with Balakhauskoe Street. The bridge begins at the side of the military waiting room. It is 2½ or 3 meters wide, 60 to 80 meters long, and 20 to 25 meters high. It is made of iron and has an iron railing. The floor is of wood. A new Metro station is being built near the steps of this bridge on Balakhanskoe Street.

V. The Engine Depot:

The engine depot occupies a small area. ~~It is located near the station.~~
~~Both~~ Both the depot and its workshop are near the station, and beyond them are the offices, warehouses, the round house, dining room, etc. The depot

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is a tall building with a glass roof, and is very old and dirty. The offices and dining room are small.

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VI. The Central Material Warehouse:

This warehouse is in the northern area of the engine depot. There are gates on the south and west sides. It contains the following merchandise:

1. Bedding
2. Clothing
3. Electric Power construction items
4. Inflammable chemical materials, lubricants, gasoline (in the basement and outside in large tanks)
5. Office equipment
6. Workshop, etc.

A part of this warehouse is located on the coal storage grounds which contains:

1. Various lumber
2. Various iron parts (elbow, round, sheet)
3. Various kinds of kettles
4. Chemical construction materials

In the third warehouse, situated below this one in northeast VRZ, there are various spare parts and it is called the "Spare Parts Store."

These warehouses are all one-story buildings of a dark color.

The offices are on the second floor of the first warehouse referred to.

RR spurs run to all the warehouses.

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SECRET**VII. The Baku Freight Dispatch Office, BAKTEK ZKV Railroad**

In the southeast area of the station are an office, warehouses, and open, closed, and partly covered platforms of BAKTEK which are approached by freight cars, trucks, etc., from the east, north, and south. The sole entrance and exit for trucks is on the southwest side near the fire department building. Pedestrians may walk in and out freely, but trucks, automobiles, and other vehicles must get passes from the director of BAKTEK. The building has two floors and is steel-gray in color. Its various warehouses are all of one story.

There are guards near the gates, warehouses, and platforms.

BAKTEK has many cranes and trucks.

A new BAKTEK city office was opened in Baku in the fall of 1954.

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VIII. Railroad Car Depot:

It is located in the southeast area of BAKTEK. It occupies a large area between VRZ and the Baku division of the ZKU railroad.

An electric power plant, various workshops, offices, etc., are located in the railroad car depot area. Most of the buildings are of one story and are poorly equipped. There is only one two-story building. There is a dining room on its first floor and an accounting office on the second. The building is old and is surrounded by a small garden and fence. The RR net is in the vicinity of the RR car depot. There are many kinds of RR cars standing there awaiting repairs. The area surrounding the RR car depot is asphalted.

XI. Baku Second Freight Station:**SECRET**

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The offices and workshops are opposite from the RR car depot. The most concentrated railroad network is found in this area. Here also are assembled freight cars of all kinds which carry chiefly oil products in various-sized tanks, construction material, equipment, etc.

Several RR ~~lines~~ ^{lines run} branch/~~out~~ from this area in the following directions:

1. To the south:

a. A double track line under the overhead bridge to the oil industry areas. ~~THE~~ This line carried most of the crude oil, oil products, gasoline, mazut, etc., in tank cars.

b. Another branch line passes between BAKTEK and the RR car depot to the south toward various industries such as the bakery, flour mill, brick kiln, etc.

c. To the VRZ (RR car repair shop)

d. To the machine supply warehouse and ~~the~~ coal warehouse.

2. To the east:

Parallel to the main line, two or three branch lines run to the oil areas near (illegible region) Montini, etc.

In the Baku Second Freight area there is a suitable place for fueling which tank cars and locomotives can freely approach. In addition, there is a two-story building for dispatchers and duty officers of this region between the N.O.D.T. and N.O.D.E. workshops, the el/voz Fiolotov station and the railroad car depot of Baku Second. Freight trains, etc., go past this building continuously. The Baku Second Freight area is asphalted and there are old one-story buildings there.

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It is necessary to point out that the electric locomotive buildings, station and RR buildings were erected before the Soviets came to power. No new changes have been noted.

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BAKU PORT

The Baku port is located at the end of Kirov Prospekt on Stalin Prospekt, near the KT5-YMOVIR building and the Port Bank building.

The Baku port contains the following:

1. Large gates on the south which open on to the Caspian Sea.
2. A waiting room opposite the Port Bank, a ticket office, snack bar-restaurant, etc.

On the other side of the Baku port gates there is a long narrow restaurant where meals of poor quality are prepared; service is also poor.

Next to the Baku port waiting room, in the direction of Petrov Square, are several shops-booths which sell manufactured goods, beer, snacks, newspapers, soft drinks, etc. All of these buildings are of one story, and not well arranged, except for the Baku port waiting room which [] is an old building.

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On the left, as one enters the waiting room, is a small room where there is an old telephone and a militia duty officer who guards the entrance and exit. The waiting room has several narrow, yellow benches, and a magazine and new book stand (besides the snack bar-restaurant).

[] on the opposite of this building there is a two-story structure on the first floor of which are ~~many~~ numerous offices of the Port Bank which reach as far as Petrov Square. So-called resort bureaus, etc., are located in the small garden. The second floor provides housing.

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[] Baku port workers and employees must live there. No shop or stall can be found on this side of Stalin Prospekt (i.e., the northern side).

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Beyond the waiting room and restaurant, there must be docks and piers, although they are barely visible from Stalin Prospekt. Ships and the ship-

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repair dock are visible only from Baku Boulevard. Strangers are not admitted to this area.


The nearest trolley bus stop to Baku port is on the corner of Kirov Prospect and Shauhan Street. Trolley buses  pass this way. The nearest streetcar stop is on the corner of Khagani Street and Kirov Prospekt. 

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NOTES:

1. Entrances and Exits of the Baku Railroad Station:

In addition to the entrances and exits mentioned previously, there is a large open space of railroad net in the eastern area of the railroad transport passenger waiting room, particularly between the Pilotov el/voz and the Montin stations (on the south side of the electric locomotive track). Any person can approach this area, and  there is no control there.

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2. The level of the el/voz track rises gradually from the railroad station to such a height that passenger and freight locomotives pass through a tunnel under the el/voz RR track. The track here is 20 - 30 meters above the level of the RR track. From this point, the el/voz train proceeds eastward to the Kishli El/voz Station, while the steam engine driven train proceeds northward to the Kishli RR Station.

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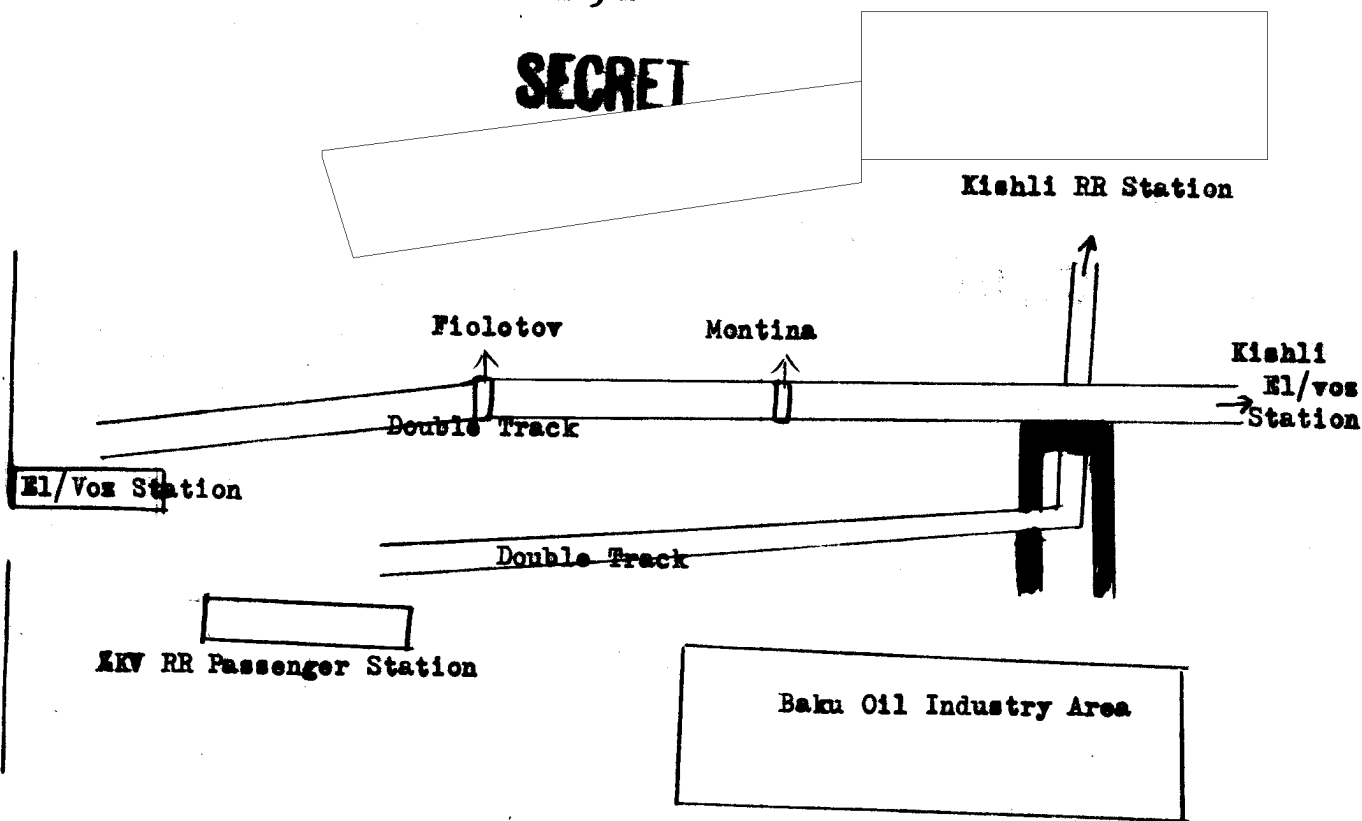


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3. The newest changes in the RR station area took place in the western area of the Baku division of the ZKV RR. A new garden, so they say, will be made where the streetcar roundhouse was formerly. Next to the former roundhouse (on the corner of Pushkin opposite the Pioneer Garden, 28 April) are demolished buildings surrounded by a high wooden barrier.

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The new streetcar roundhouse is in the NE area of the Baku division of the ZKV RR.

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